

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION

GERALD HOPKINS, )  
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Movant,                )  
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v.                      )                           No. 4:16-CV-1125 JAR  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
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Respondent,            )

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

Counsel entered an appearance in this matter on July 12, 2016. Now pending are Movant's motion for leave to amend his motion to vacate, brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (Doc. 7); and Movant's amended motion for relief under § 2255 (Doc. 8). Movant's motion seeks a reduction in his sentence pursuant to the recent Supreme Court case of *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015).

In *Johnson*, the Supreme Court of the United States held the “residual clause” of the Armed Career Criminal Act (“the ACCA”), 18 U.S.C. § 924(e)(2)(B)(ii), unconstitutionally vague. As Movant was convicted under the ACCA and as it appears from the motion to vacate that he is relying on *Johnson* as the basis for his arguments for resentencing, this Court will request assistance from the United States Probation Office for the Eastern District of Missouri in reviewing Movant’s § 2255 petition.

Accordingly,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Movant's motion for leave to amend his § 2255 motion (Doc. 7) is **GRANTED**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court shall notify the United States Probation Office of Movant's § 2255 motion to vacate and that it is brought pursuant to the Supreme Court case of *Johnson v. United States*, 135 S. Ct. 2551 (2015).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, within a reasonable time, and in its usual course of business, the United States Probation Office shall prepare and file in Movant's criminal case a new Resentence Report relative to Movant's contentions under *Johnson*, which shall be filed under seal, with access to the Court and the parties who have entered their appearance in this matter.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within fourteen (14) days of the filing of the Probation Office's Disclosure Copy of the Resentence Report, the parties shall file, in Movant's criminal case, simultaneous objections to the Resentence Report or statements that they have no objection. Within seven (7) days of such time, the Office of Probation and Pretrial Services shall file a final copy of the Resentence Report in movant's criminal case.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that on the same day as the Final Resentence Report is filed by the Probation Office in the criminal case, the Government shall file its response to Movant's motion to vacate in this case.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any reply to the Government's response to the amended motion to vacate shall be filed, in this case, no later than fourteen (14) days from the date the response is filed.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2016.

  
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JOHN A. ROSS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE